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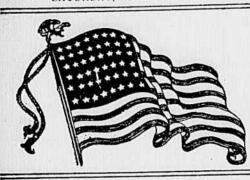
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### Married Slackers Provided For

THOSE men who shamelessly rushed into marriage in order to escape the service of their country are properly set apart from those lawfully exempt from the first call, by a stern ruling of the War Department. Men who married since the outbreak of war will be treated on the same basis as unmarried men. That is, they will be exempted only as unmarried men would be, after individual investigation. Nor is it likely that any real hardship will be worked on the wives of such There is precious little hope for the future happiness of a woman who gives her life into the keeping of a man who marries her in order to hide behind her skirts.

The chief trouble with Siegfried line of the Germans is that it has no magic sword.

### Economy as a Duty

THERE is one service which every housewife can render now to her country. It is economy, especially in the consumption of foodstuffs. All the acres added to the nation's farms, all the home gardens and newly tilled fields will do little good, unless America, as the President has urged, shall "correct her unpardonable fault of wastefulness and extravagance.

American households must be placed now on a war footing. Simplicity and economy should be the watchwords in every home. Waste is worse than folly; it is a minor form of treason. In the homes of the poor prevailing prices enforce economies, but the wealthy should submit themselves voluntarily to this requirement which sound patriotism imposes.

Isn't it about time to fly the flags of Britain, France, Russia and Italy with those of the United States?

### Partisanship Collapses

Republican member of the House Committee on Military Affairs, is leading the fight for the military service measure President Wilson favors. The Democratic chairman of the committee, on the other hand, has fathered a plan to embarrass the President and make difficult the country's defense. It is something of a novelty for us-and

another proof of the absence of partisan feeling-but in this case we are with the Republican and against the Democrat. Nevertheless, there is satisfaction in the thought that Virginia's representative on the committee, Thomas W. Harrison, of the Seventh District, stands by the President and the people on this issue. He is for universal service and the selective draft

Even the White House force has joined the home garden movement. If there is anything in the influence of example, this ought to settle it.

### Prussian Quality of Espionage Bill

IN protesting against the clauses in the spionage bill that would virtually abolish a free press in this country, no newspaper worthy of the name is schishly concerned as to the effect these clauses would have on its own news columns. In these days, under present conditions, newspapers have difficulty in selecting from the great mass of news that have the means of support even while they which should be printed, and perhaps twice as much is thrown away as ever finds its way into print.

What the press is fighting for is the right of the people to be informed. This country is at war with a great power which has built up and maintained its autocratic hold on its it would tend to create a false class system own people by seeing to it that they were and—worse than all at this moment—it would told only what the government wanted it to make against efficiency. The French army know, and one of its strongest weapons has has been sublime, not only in spirit, but in fighting for democracy against Prussianism, and because its officers have been made and and the American press is fighting for the npeople against a law which would impose Prussianlike restrictions on their right to

If Hindenburg's strategic retirement continues to succeed at this pace, the new line will eventually be drawn somewhere near Potsdam. But wherever it is, the Hohenzollerns will be behind it.

### Playing Havor With Hindenburg

BUT for the fact that men are dying by thousands on the western front, there would be something grimly amusing in the recollection that Hindenburg and his apologists loudly and confidently boasted that the German retirement had completely upset the allied plans for a spring offensive. Hinden-

plans of the allies, in that it surrendered to them territory they had expected to conquer only by months of fighting.

More than that, Hindenburg has not stopped retiring. Weeks ago, he reached the line his staff had laid out and fortified-as they supposed-impregnably. But the British and French have failed to recognize the existence of such a line. Day by day they batter it, and day by day it crumbles. Hindenburg upset the allies' plans, but they are playing havoc with his.

As usual, Congress is anxious to put everything possible up to the President. It isn't altogether noble of Congress, but the country will rather welcome the policy; it has found the President more reliable than Congress.

### Patience Reaching Its Limit

THURSDAY night's meeting of the Council Committee on Charter Changes, although it resulted in a further delay in the plans for a civic survey, developed no reason for that delay. It developed, on the contrary, many reasons for prompt action, by the committee, by Council and by the experts by whom the survey will be made.

The point The Times-Dispatch has madethat the existence of a state of war supplies an additional and forceful argument in behalf of the survey-was stressed and amplified at the meeting. It really requires no argument. When individuals and big corporations alike study expenditures and practice economies and strive to attain new efficiencies, the duty of the city government is plain.

That the New York Bureau of Municipal Research is best equipped to make the survey is equally plain. It has staff experts, a broadly comprehensive organization and an intimate acquaintance with conditions in scores of American cities. Its men have studied municipal progress and methods abroad, as well as in this country. It will bring to Richmond these invaluable stores of knowledge and experience, collected at a large expenditure of time, effort and money.

For the expenses of a survey conducted by this bureau, public-spirited men in Richmond have subscribed the whole amount. If the city is unable to make an appropriation, the survey will cost the city government nothing. That the people want this survey is proved every time an occasion presents itself, and was proved again by the crowd which Thursday night's meeting attracted to the City Hall.

Richmond has been patient with the evident reluctance of certain elements in the city government to consent to this investigation. It has been loath to believe that any motives save those professed have been at the bottom of this reluctance. It has consented to delays when it could see no reason for delays.

But patience has a limit. Everybody knows that unless the survey is completed within the next few months it will be impossible to lay its results before the next General Assembly and obtain the legislative relief that may be shown to be necessary. Everybody knows that delay benefits only those who are opposed to substantial changes in governmental form. If action can be deferred until the session of the General Assembly is near at hand, it will be impossible to frame a city charter and conduct the educational campaign necessary to obtain favorable consideration.

It may be, of course, that the survey will indicate no need of substantial changes. It may be that the investigation will vindicate the oft-repeated assertion that Richmond is the best and most economically governed city between the Atlantic and the Pacific. In that event there will be no demand for a new charter, and the rest of us will feel that sweet content with everything which is that now pervades the City Hall.

But Richmond wants the survey. It wants to have its doubts dispelled. It wants either a firm foundation for its faith or an unassailable groundwork of criticism. It wants to be shown, in other words, and it wants to be shown in time to have the process produce results.

The Committee on Charter Changes has 'considered' this matter just about long enough. It should reach a decision, one way EVIDENCE of the collapse of partisanship or the other. The people have a right to demand, and do demand, that their reasonable. Representative Kahn, of California, ranking and proper request be acted on by those to whom they have confided their government.

> One reason for hoping Maryland's soldiers will come and help us police Virginia is that they would bring with them one of the most beautiful of all patriotic or sectional songs.

### Grave Defect in Training Plan

FOURTEEN posts in various sections of the country have been designated by the War Department as training camps for the military schooling of applicants for commissions in the army. Thousands of officers will be needed for the first army, and the authorized camps will supply the best and quickest training that can be given. But there is a grave defect in the law governing the establishment, which Congress should amend as speedily as possible.

Under the Adjutant-General's interpretation, in his own words, "these citizens can receive no pay under the law as it now stands." That means that only men of independent means, or men whose parents can afford to support them, can have the benefit of training under the War Department, unless they enlist in the army. The flat wrongness of this hardly needs comment.

Between a desire to serve the country and willingness to sacrifice a comfortable berth there should be no question, but men must serve the country. And neither the army nor the country wants the military forces of the United States to be officered only by men of independent means. Such a condition would be opposed to every article of this country's faith. It would be undemocratic, been control of the press. The world is achievement, because it has been democratic

promoted because of their proved ability. This country will have no officer class, and Congress must see to it, and quickly.

The trouble with the individual who protests against traffic regulation is that he doesn't realize that laws are made for the many, not the few.

Some of these lads who married in haste to escape conscription are going to have a war and a wife on their hands at the same

Selling gold bricks and short-changing are gentle arts as compared with professional fortune telling.

In Belgium the name of Von Bissing will burg's strategic retirement did upset the ever stand as Kultur's truest exponent.

### SEEN ON THE SIDE

When your troubles-never ending-Fast and faster are descending And the hopes which you have cherished disappear,

That is not a time to borrow Other stocks of grief and sorrow And to load up on another lot of fear.

Not at all, good friend and neighbor, For, when things are bad, it's labor Wasted quite to try and make them seem much

You had better can the whining. Look up where the stars are shining And perhaps you'll have less cause your luck to curse.

This is good advice I'm giving. For as sure as you are living,

There's a turning somewhere in the longest lane. All of life is not rough weather, Good and bad are mixed together

And there's joy somewhere to pay you for your

### The Pessimist Says:

Some men who hoast of knowing their own minds have no real reason to be proud of the acquaintance.

Bad Practice. "Did you ever find out the reason of old Squeezem's quarrel with his physician?"

"Yes; the doctor cured Squeezem of an illness

### for which he was collecting \$50 a week from a

health insurance company. Very Helpful. Grubbs-Binks says he has made a great contribution to this home garden movement.

### Stubbs-What has he done? Grubbs-Killed all of his neighbor's garden-

destroying chickens. To-Day's Best Hand-Picked Joke.

Harry Lauder tells the following story about a funeral in Glasgow and a well-dressed

stranger who took a seat in one of the mourning coaches. The other three occupants of the carriage were rather curlous to know who he was, and at last one of them began to question The dialogue went like this: "Ye'll be a brither o' the corp?"

"No, I'm no a brither o' the corp." "Weel, ye'll be his cousin?"

"No. I'm no' a cousin." "At any rate ye'll be a frien' o the corp?" "Na. I'm not that either. Ye see, I've no been very weel masel," the stranger explained complacently, "an' my doctor has ordered me carriage exercise, so I thought this would be the

## cheapest way to tak' it."-Pittsburgh Post.

Opportunity.
A nice old lad, a good old scout. Was William Jeptha Breezes; He always asked his friends about Their youngest hopeful's wheezes.

### Health Talks, by Dr. Wm. Brady (Copyright, 1916, National Newspaper Service.)

Teething Babies.

Now that the fishwife is growing diffident and the O. W. are getting lost in the shuffle, teething appears to be growing unpopular. At least most of the babies a doctor encounters or envisages have no particular complaints to make about the cutting of teeth.

Does teething ever make a baby ill? That

can a perfectly physiological process cause The O. W. and the fishwives are fond of saying, "Oh, of course, doctors don't believe in teething and worms, but I know."

Doctors believe in worms. Every doctor has seen and treated numerous cases of worms in children and adults. But doctors don't believe that all infantile illness is caused by worms or teething, and here, unfortunately, they are or teething, and here, unfortunately, they are at loggerheads with the back-door advisers.

Cutting a tooth sometimes makes the gum red, sore and swollen, and no doubt the baby will be a little peevish about this for a few days. Peevish not ill. No convulsions, no fever no digestive disturbance. Just cross. To attribute these serious ailments of infancy teething is even less reasonable than it is to attribute any symptoms whatever to worms, unless adult worms or their eggs have been found

in the dejecta. It is crue: to feed a child alleged "worm medicine" on the strength of a fishwife accusation. It is inhuman to neglect summoning the physician for a sick child just because some old nanny comes in and tells you the child is merely cutting teeth. I do not mean to be disrespectful to the well-intentioned axish bedisrespectful to the well-intentioned neighbor, when a precious life is at stake such debut when a precious life is at stake such de-lusions should not be permitted to interfere, in this day of enlightenment. It is not so terrible for one of us old folks to die. But it is a heart-breaking thing to see a little child die, or

to see the child suffer from neglect.

Teething children should be permitted to chew on the rind of pork or a tough piece of gristle, or, still better, a chicken bone. But when the thing is put down, let that he when the thing is put down, let that be the last of it. Never, never, permit the child to pick it up again later to put in his mouth—that is the way sore mouth is produced, putting unclean things into it.

Questions and Answers.

White Marks on the Finger Nails.—Can you inform me what causes transverse white spots on the nails of a woman aged twentyhave my nails manicured regularly, so I assume it is from some general condition, though my health is perfect, so far as I am aware.

Answer.-Slight injuries in manicuring or Answer.—Sight injuries in manicuring or otherwise will cause such white spots. There is no remedy, unless it be a little neglect for a while. White lines or slight depressions across the whole width of the nails of all the fingers are often noted following an acute illness, and they grow out in a few months

Spongy Gums.—I have good teeth, but have been troubled with tender, sore, swollen gums. They bleed easily when I brush the teeth, Have They bleed easily when I brush the teeth. Have tried peroxide and other washes without benefit. Can you suggest some relief? MRS G. F. M. Answer.—One useful remedy is a very dilute solution of ipecae. Ten drops of the fluid extract of ipecae in four ounces of alcohol. A few drops on the toothbrush once a day. Do few drops in the toothbrush once a day. not ripse it out, but gently massage the gums with clean fingertip after brushing. There are various tooth pastes now marketed with a minute quantity of ipecac or emetin (active part of ipecac). You should include more of the coarse vegetables, fruits and undenaturized cereals in your diet.

### The Voice of the People

As an evidence of good faith, letters must give the name and address of the writer. Name will not be published if writer so requests. Make all communications short.

Work of Institute for Public Service.

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To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch'
Sir.—In reporting last night's meeting on a city survey for Richmond, one morning paper stated that the Institute for Public Service "admits it never made one." As this quite missiates the facts, will you wish your readers to understand the following facts:

The investigators of the Institute for Public Service are continuously making city surveys in a dozen cities. They have participated in, directed or helped direct, two-thirds of the surveys mentioned in the advertising of the Bureau of Municipal Research. It is only as a recently organized confederation for survey work that they have not yet made a complete city survey. Last year special surveys by them included city charter campaigns in Kalamazoo and Hamilton; twenty-two charitable agencies in Denver; all-day nurseries in Philadelphia; State-wide accounting conditions in New Hampshire; a high spot survey of New York City schools. Minneapolis \$5,000,000 school-building program: besides current survey of matters before New York's fiscal body, such as the West Side improvement plan, courthouse project, garbage-disposal plant; city budget, etc.

To-day its members are making important installations in Detroit, Akron, Dayton, etc., and are surveying the schools of Akron. In the

# very thick of surveys all the time, institute investigators can quickly mobilize at a great financial saving to a surveyed city, and, we believe with gains in service. WILLIAM H. ALLEN, Director Institute for Public Service. Richmond, April 20.

We Must Hang Our Heads in Shame.
To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,—The editorial which appeared in your
valuable paper this morning, "Virginia's Failure," was a scathing denunciation and arraignment of the youth of Virginia and North Carolina.

We have boasted of our greatness as a State and the number of soldiers and statesmen which have been born in Virginia and North Carolina, but alas! the spirit of '76, and of 1812, and of 1845, and of 1861, where is it? After all the coaxing and persuading and pleading, after recounting the deeds of valor of our forefathers, and appealing in every way possible to the young men of Richmond and Virginia, we have secured for the navy only about 200 recruits. Are the men afraid of water? Do they not realize the seriousness of the situation enough to volunteer for service? We shall have to hang cur heads in shame after this pittful exhibition of the lack of bravery and patriotism. Mothers and fathers of Virginia, where is your spirit of sacrifice for your country? To-day is the first time that I feel ashamed that I am a Virginian.

Richmond, April 20. We have boasted of our greatness as a State Richmond, April 20.

Defends Suffragists From Partisanship.

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To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,—I suppose every member of the Suffrage
League of Richmond was as surprised as I was
to read in your editorial of April 18 that "some
of the women who are serving the country are
permitting controversy between two schools of
thought to divert them from the one great purpose they should hold before their eyes," and
that "there is no room in the ranks of helpful
American womanhood now for partisan activities of suffragists or antisuffragists." I am a
member of the executive board of the Suffrage
League, and should, therefore, he in a position
to know if anything approaching or savoring
of privalry or bad feeling has stirred the heart
of any member of our league since the President called upon us all to do our duty by our
country. I can truthfully say I have never
seen any evidence of such a thing in our league.

I think you have only to attend a Red Cross
meeting to see the perfect conditions under
which members of both Suffrage and Antisuffrage Leagues are working together, and an
open-air meetings for the enistment of men for
our navy, to see that the same conditions obtain
there. It is quite true that before war was
formally declared there was very distinct feeling of discomfort among members of the Suffrage League when they found that many of
them had enlisted in the Capital City Branch of
the Woman's Service League under the 'misapprehension that this league was as strictly
nonpartisan in this city as it is at its source
in New York. Otherwise, I think I am speaking
for every member of the Suffrage League when
I say that in this hour of supreme crisis we
have no other thought than to work wholeheartedly and unselfishly for the good of our
country.

A SUFFRAGIST.

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Speaker of Virginia House of Delegates. Miss M. W. Damascus, Va. The Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates is H. R. Hous-

Distance Between Liverpool and Buenos Aires. N. D. J., Hopewell, Va.—The distance between Liverpool, England, and Buenos Aires, Argen-tina, is approximately 6,000 miles.

### Right to Establish a Blockade.

C. G. Richmond.—The right to establish a blockade is recognized by international law as a privilege which every beligerent power possesses of distressing the enemy and weakening its powers of resistance. Trenty of 1828.

Treaty of 1828.

H. H. H. Richmond.—You may find this in "Treaties, Conventions, etc., Between the United States of America and Other Powers, 1776-1999," compiled by William M. Mallov, Washington, D. C., Government Printing Office, 1910. This should be on file in your public library. T. J. Mcl., Prospect, Va.—The War Department says that dates for encampments will be as follows: Eastern Department—Plattsburg, N. Y.—First camp, June 2 to July 3; second camp, July 7 to August 5; third camp, August 11 to September 9; fourth camp, September 15 to October 14. For further details on the camps, address Major-General Bell, Governors Island, N. Y. Civilian Training Camps.

How Earth's Size Was Decreased. C. L. Drakes Branch, Va.—The size of the earth and, incidentally, the size of the United States was decreased as a result of the cooling down of this planet, which took place before the time of man. The flag of the United States originally contained thirteen stripes and thirteen stars, and was adopted by Congress on June 14, 1777. The "stars and bars" was a name applied to the Confederate flag.

Flour to Replace Sauds.

Mrs. A. M. H., Richmond.—On the subject of your inquiry, Professor E. W. Rockwood, of lowa University, says "flour selling at \$2.50 for a fifty-pound sack is more economical than potatoes when the potatoes sell for more than 60 cents a bushel, being about five times cheaper than potatoes. The average potato, after deducting for the parts removed in peeling, contains about 14 per cent starch, and rather less than 2 per cent of protein, or muscle-building material. Its fuel value, or energy value, is for a pound 310 calories. It is evidently eaten chiefly for its starch. For a substitute we must go to the starchy foods; that is, the cereals. Wheat flour contains about 75 per cent starch, 11 to 12 per cent of protein, 1 per cent of fat, and the fuel value of a pound is 1.650 calories. In other words, wheat flour surpasses potatoes in putriments and in energy in the proportion of five to one."

### News of Fifty Years Ago

(From the Richmond Dispatch, April 21, 1867.)

The Richmond wholesale merchants are no longer complaining of dull business. Retail merchants are coming in from various parts of Virgunia and North Carolina to buy goods for the spring and summer trade.

Yesterday Rev. J. L. Burrows, D. D., was an pointed Virginia representative to the Baptist State Convention of Kentucky, and Rev. A. E. Dickenson to the Georgia Convention. The City Railway board of directors are considering plans for the extension of the line from the head of Broad Street to Hollywood or

There was a curious rumpus on Governor Street vesterday. A negro and a soldier got into a fight. Parson Hunnicutt and his son passes along and paused to take the part of the negro. Hunnicutt, Jr., threw a rock, nearly breaking the soldier's arm. The rumpus wound up by reporting each other to the military authorities. its neighborhood.

Senator Wilson, of Massachusetts, will address the people of Orange County at Orange Courthouse to-day, and the people of Richmond on Monday night. It seems that the radicals in earnest about trying to start a party

A Republican mass-meeting in Petersburg last night (slimly attended) ratified the action of the State convention just held in Richmond. T. M. Conway, of New York, was the only speaker.

## SHIPPERS GIVE VIEWS | COUPLAND MADE BISHOP ON PROPOSED INCREASE

Many Favor Advance of Some Sort if Railroads Can Prove It Necessary.

OTHERS OPPOSE ANY CHANGE NAMED ON THE 17TH BALLOT

Primary Purpose of Hearing Is to Bring Out, for Benefit of I. C. C., Opinions Regarding Any General Investigation That May Be Held.

Hy Associated Press. l

the railroads to file freight rate in- on the seventeenth ballot. creases of 15 per cent, effective June 1. Dr. C. B. Wilmer, of Atlanta, who Many of the speakers favored an ad- withdrew last night, after leading for vance of some sort, if the railroads sixteen hallots, received three votes on could prove it necessary; some advo- the seventeenth. The balance went to cated an immediate increase in rates Dr. Coupland. No ballots were cast to pay the increase than to suffer Rochester, who was nominated last tation equipment, and others opposed any upward change.

The primary purpose of to-day's hearing was to bring out for the benefit of the commission shippers' opinions regarding any general investigation that may be held before a final decision is reached concerning the tentative

The Southern Cypress Manufacturers' Association's representative declared members of that organization already had stood their full share of rate ad-

while the National Grange went on tis. He has been rector of Trinity record against any increases to com- Episcopal Church here for six years pensate the railroads for increased Dr. Coupland, in the absence of official wages of their employees. The Grange representative said al-

leged leakages in railroad systems, cept. Several years ago he declined through inside holding companies, should be stopped in the interest of the general public. On behalf of the Memphis Merchants'

Association, it was stated that the rates Theological Seminary in 1894, being orin Southern territory now were high. but that the organization would not oppose an increase if the roads could prove their need.

Frank Lyon, representing several groups of shippers, said, in his opinion. some railroads needed more revenue. while others did not. The whole matter, he asserted, was one of broad general policy, which should be settled by Congress and not by the commis-

University Alumni Dine at Lynchburg. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., April 20.—The
annual banquet of the Lynchburg
Alumni Association of the University

of Virginia was held to-night at the Piedmont Club. The principal after-dinner speakers were Dr. W. M. Thornton, of the faculty of the University of M. Murrell was toastmaster

### Books and Authors

a new and better way of establishing enduring peace on earth by the ap-plication of the teachings of Christ.

appearance from the press of Pierpont, chamber was prohibited, because we Siviler & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., of "The Way of My Mind," by T. Carl Whitmer, General Carranga's policy, to preserve whose reputation as a teacher is a strict neutrality in spirit as well as most enviable one. The volume indi-cates the Whitmer methods for the development of individuality in piano, musical composition and appreciation.

poems by Odell Shepard, and published by Houghton Mifflin Company, entitled "A Lonely Flute," seems indeed to bring out "the eternal vision" in a Three brief paragr. phs of the poet's initial was predicted. Copies of the an-"Proem" reveal with calm derision nouncement of Mexico's neutrality wing"-wistfully the answer- American countries, and ide the eternal sea." The verses plies have been received. throughout show a compassionate appreciation of life, love and duty.

"I, Mary Machane," by Mary Mac-Lane (Frederick A. Stokes Company). The spring meeting of the Episcopal is absorbingly interesting, and so original as to be classed as a great piece ley will be held at St. Peter's Episcoinal as to be classed as a great piece ley will be held at St. Peter's Episco-of literature. Here is a curtain drawn pal Church at Front Royal on the Rapnside-disclosing a soul essent rare and unusual, dwelling apart. attributes are lyric beauty; chaotic three days. disregard of the conventionalities; passionate humanness, and a sense of huwhich is clusive, creative, delicate. In the modern world, Mary Ma-Lane scarcely "belongs." Yet in this flery merciless baring of self the reader will discover odd compelling sim-ilarities to his own strength and weak-This is an adventure of the spirit cast in heroic dimensions. epic of struggle and victory, heights He said to his friend, "If the British nd depths which will hold the reader march
By land or sea from the town to-night.

Every Southerner will want to read, ill immensely enjoy reading, Morris Morgan's "Recollections of a Rebel Reefer," just published by Houghton Mifflin Co. Dumas would have woven a three-volume novel from this stirring book of reminiscences by a Confederate blockade runner, so of fortune and diplomatist. Ex ences in the Confederate navy, Experi-Khedive of Egypt's army and the American diplomatic service are described with vividness and breezy humor in this notable autobiography. The au thor was intimately acquainted with President Davis and other leaders of the Confederacy, and as he was a frequent visitor in the homes of Cabine members in Richmond, he narrates many incidents connected with their public services and family life that are. That was all! And yet, through the gloom and the light, both new and interesting in details In his preface the author says: "It has been said that 'adventures come only to him who seeks them,' but I am doubtful of the correctness of this dage, for I can truthfully say that I had as little to do with the shaping of my course in life as has an empty vere; bottle thrown overboard in midocean.

I spent the most important years of cry of alarm

a boy's life, those between fifteen and To every Middlesex village and farm nineteen, so far as education and the formation of character are tied to a sword and in the midst of a the door, most cruel war, and when peace came And a word that shall echo forever-I was wafted hither and thither, the sport of the fickle winds of varying fortunes; and, having 'salled 'neath alien skies and trod the desert path,' naturally I imagine that I have run of the average schoolboy's experiences, and if I have written some of them down, it has been with the laudable desire of amusing other people rather than personal vanity or desire for notoriety."

# OF THE ATLANTA DIOCESE

Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church Selected as Successor of Late Bishop Nelson.

Was Born on Farm Near Williamsburg, Va., and Graduated From Virginia Theological Seminary. Once Declined Election as Bishop.

MACON, GA., April 29 .- The Rev. WASHINGTON, April 20.-Represen- Robert S. Coupland, of New Orleans, tatives of shippers from all over the to-day was selected by the Episcopal country gave the Interstate Commerce Diocesan Convention here Bishop of the Commission their views regarding the Atlanta Diocese to succeed the late commission's tentative order permitting Bishop C. K. Nelson. The election came

> night after Dr. Wilmer had withdrawn, and only Dr. Coupland was left. Ratification of the college of bishops is necessary before the election to-day becomes effective.

> The convention adjourned to meet in Atlanta next year.

DECLINES TO SAY WHETHER HE WILL ACCEPT

By Associated Press. ] NEW ORLEANS, April 20 .- Rev. Robert Saunders Coupland, selected as Episcopal Bishop of Atlanta by the dio-The National League of Commission cesan convention at Macon to-day, is Merchants suggested that any new confined to his home here, recovering rates adopted should be temporary, from a recent operation for appendicinotification of his selection as bishop,

> election as Bishop of Virginia. Dr. Coupland was born on a farm near Williamsburg, Va., in January, dained that year. He served as assistant rector in Norfolk and later as rector of churches in Covington, Ky., Charlestown, W. Va., and Baltimore, coming to New Orleans after serving the Church of the Ascension, Baltimore, for ten years. He said he had not been informed that his name was mentioned for Bishop of Atlanta until

### HE KNOWS OF NO GERMAN ATTEMPTS TO INFLUENCE

President of Lower House in Mexican Congress Makes Statement in Answer to Reports.

MENICO CITY, April 20 .- In answer to reports that Germany was endeavor-Virginia, and Lewis D. Crenshaw, secvirginia, and Lewis D. Crenshaw, seccan Congress to oppose General Carcan Congress to oppose General Carcan Congress to oppose General Carcovers were laid for forty-five; William ranza's neutrality proclamation, General Eduardo Hay, president of the lower house, has issued the following statement:

"I have no knowledge of German influence on members of Congress or of "The Last Weapon," by Theodora traility. I acknowledge that in the gal-leries of Congress on Sunday there was a manifestation of sympathy for the pressure for opposition to plans of neu-German minister, but I immediately called the manifestants to order, telling them that any demonstration for Students of music will welcome the or against any diplomat within the

The eternal vision of the book of Opponents of General Carranza claim the rushing susurration of some eter- have been sent to all Central and South American countries, and several re-

> Rappubannock Valley Convocation. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 20.pahannock River, in Caroline County, on Wednesday, May 2, continuing for

The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere Listen, my children, and you shall hear Of the midnight ride of Paul Rever Yet in this On the eighteenth of April, in seventy-

Hardly a man is now alive Who remembers that famous day and

Hang a lantern aloft in the belfr to read, arch reading. Of the North Church tower as a signal light-One, if by land, and two, if by sea:

And I on the opposite shore will be, Ready to ride and spread the alarm Through every Middlesex village and farm For the country-folk to be up and to

arm." A hurry of hoofs in a village street A shape in the moonlight, a bulk in

the dark,
And beneath, from the pebbles, in
passing, a spark
Struck out by a steed flying fearless

and fleet; That was all! And yet, through the gloom and the light,

night;
And the spark struck out by that steed,
in his flight;
Kindled the land into flame with its

And so through the night went his

A cry of defiance and not of fear, A voice in the darkness, a knock at For, borne on the night-wind of the

past. Through all our history, to the last, In the hour of darkness and peril and need. The people will waken and listen to

The hurrying hoof-beats of that steed. And the midnight message of Paul

-Longfellow.